

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JANUARY 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Tom Nelson at 6:33 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes Irv Wilke
 Richard Klose Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: None

Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce minutes of December 12, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce agenda of January 10, 2019.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of January 2019 in the amount of \$ 148,126.00.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/30/2018 totaling \$220,562.03.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 2, 2019, were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of September 24, 2018, were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of December 17, 2018, were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.



AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

A gentleman asked if this was the correct time to approach the podium. The Mayor instructed him he would have a chance later in the meeting to bring his issue forward.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

- Appointment of Armondo Hernandez to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion by Council Member McGee to introduce the item, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Hernandez to introduce himself to Council.

Mr. Hernandez, 812 Date Avenue, introduced himself to Council.

Motion by Council Member McGee to close discussion, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Armondo Hernandez to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Appointment of Solomon Arno to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member McGee to introduce the item, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Nelson stated Mr. Arno was unable to attend this evening due to work.

Motion by Council Member McGee to close discussion, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Solomon Arno to the Laurel Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-01: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Release Of Funds From The Tax Increment Financing District Fund For Façade Improvements And Signage For The Property Located At 117 West Main Street, Laurel Montana.**

Mayor Nelson pulled Resolution No. R19-01 due to a clerical error in the recommendation letter. He also stated that a spreadsheet would accompany the resolution as previously requested.

Mayor Nelson asked the gentleman who spoke earlier to approach the podium and address Council.

The gentleman introduced himself as Tom Sayer, 119 6th Avenue. Mr. Sayer spoke to Council regarding questions he has of the sidewalk program. He questioned why the homeowner is charged an interest rate, why the interest rate of five percent was chosen, and why tax money is used to replace sidewalks with interest. He stated that he did not own the sidewalk and questioned why he would be charged interest to repair a sidewalk he does not own.

Mayor Nelson stated that he would look into this issue and report back.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A reminder that January is a five Tuesday month was given. No Council on January 22, 2019.

Monday, January 21, 2019, is a holiday. City Hall will be closed.

Because City Hall is closed on January 21st and Council is not meeting on the 22nd Public works Committee has moved their meeting to January 22nd at 6:00 P.M.

The next Emergency Services Committee is January 28, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Park Board met this month but did not have a quorum.

Mayor Nelson announced the following vacancies: City/County Planning Board (2), Public Works Committee, Cemetery Commission, and Park Board (2). Letters of interest are due by February 1, 2019.

Mayor Nelson reiterated that there is no meeting next week, the next meeting will be on January 29, 2019. This will be a full Workshop.

Mayor Nelson stated a conditional job offer had been sent out for City Planner.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:


Mayor Nelson stated he would bring forward updates soon on a shorter Workshop agenda.

Mayor Nelson stated the website would be going live soon.

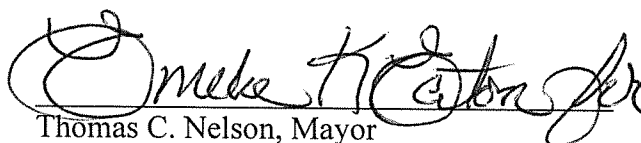
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.


There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5th day of February 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer